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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community Director, Defense Intelligence Agency Director, National Security Agency Director, National Reconnaissance Office Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State Deputy to the Special Assistant for National Security, Treasury Department Assistant Director, Intelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Assistant Administrator for National Security, ERDA Director of Naval Intelligence Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Air Force

**SUBJECT** 

DCI Study Memorandum #1; Review of Procedures of Classification for Security Purposes

- 1. Please undertake a study to see what changes to our current policies and regulations regarding classification for security purposes may be desirable. This study should cover, but should not be limited to, the following considerations:
  - a. Other ways to separate the dissemination of information received from highly sensitive collection systems from indicators as to what the system of collection was and its capabilities.
  - b. Should there be a positive effort to review periodically the corpus of intelligence on subjects of keen national interest to determine how much of that corpus is or could be downgraded to unclassified and made available to the public.
  - c. An analysis of existing codeword compartmentation that will specifically indicate whether the individuals cleared for various codeword materials

are at the appropriate levels of government and whether individuals with a need to know within a specific category have been given all of the clearances necessary to have a complete picture within that category.

2. It is requested that the Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community and the Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, conduct such a study and that it be completed by 10 April 1977.

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